

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application with claims 1-2 allowed; reexamination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

Claim 3 was rejected as anticipated by Honma.

Applicant replies that claim 3 has been amended to clarify that the imbalance is a color imbalance, not a luminance level imbalance as in Honma. Indeed, Honma is color suppression according to luminance level (column 12, lines 50-67) and does not relate to the color imbalance of claim 3.

Claim 4 was rejected as unpatentable over Honma in view of Sakurai.

Applicant relies upon the patentability of amended base claim 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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